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TRIP REPORT TO PACIFIC AREA -- 4-15 OCTOBER 1958

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1. The essential substantive matters of the trip have already been  
set forth in two cables [redacted]

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[redacted] The schedule of activities is set forth in the  
attachment, Tab A.

2. At CINCPAC, CINCPACFLT, PACAF, and USARPAC, the  
briefing on TALENT materials was conducted by Mr. Lundahl. Except  
in the last two instances, namely, CINCPACFLT (General McGee) and  
USARPAC (General White), where CHALICE matters were not discussed  
at all, operational matters that were raised were principally answered  
by [redacted] Colonel Geary, or [redacted] CHALICE security  
matters were handled by [redacted] Briefings on requirements,  
TALENT security, and utilization were handled by the undersigned. At  
5th Air Force, the briefing on exhibits was handled by the undersigned  
with [redacted] answering questions on operations. Any summary  
report required on CHALICE security will no doubt be made by the Security  
Officer, DPS/DCI upon his return.

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Comments on the Visit

3. Presentation of the high quality photography in limited quantity (about twenty pieces) and explanation of procedures and arrangements for utilization were uniformly well-received, and it should pay dividends wherein support by any of the commands is required.

4. On-the-spot discussions about security in the CHALICE field and relations to TALENT were overdue and should materially reduce if not totally eliminate confusion.

5. In so far as support may be possibly required at some time in the future from certain commands, especially CINCPAC, PACAF, and 5th Air Force, Headquarters would do well to ensure proper periodic briefings with particular concern for the introduction of new commanders.

6. The CIA TALENT Control Officer must take special pains to ensure that agreements and decisions reached bearing upon the handling of TALENT materials should reach the commands through the proper channel clearly stated.

7. Recommendations:

a. That from time to time as the situation warrants Admiral Felt, General Kuter, and General Burns be given background information as to the status of Project operations. This could be

25X1A done by well-written cable via General Balmer in the first two  
instances and by [ ] in the last. In addition, a second  
25X1A section of such cable might contain elaboration to permit Balmer  
[ ] to answer questions which might arise in their briefings  
of the principals. The undersigned promised Admiral Felt that  
upon return a recommendation to the Project Director along the  
line of the foregoing would be made.

b. That at perhaps 6-9 month intervals a team, such as the  
last one, representative of the various aspects of the program go  
to the field to get acquainted with the personnel and to answer  
questions as well as to ensure some comprehension of the state  
of information and attitude of those at the other end of the line.